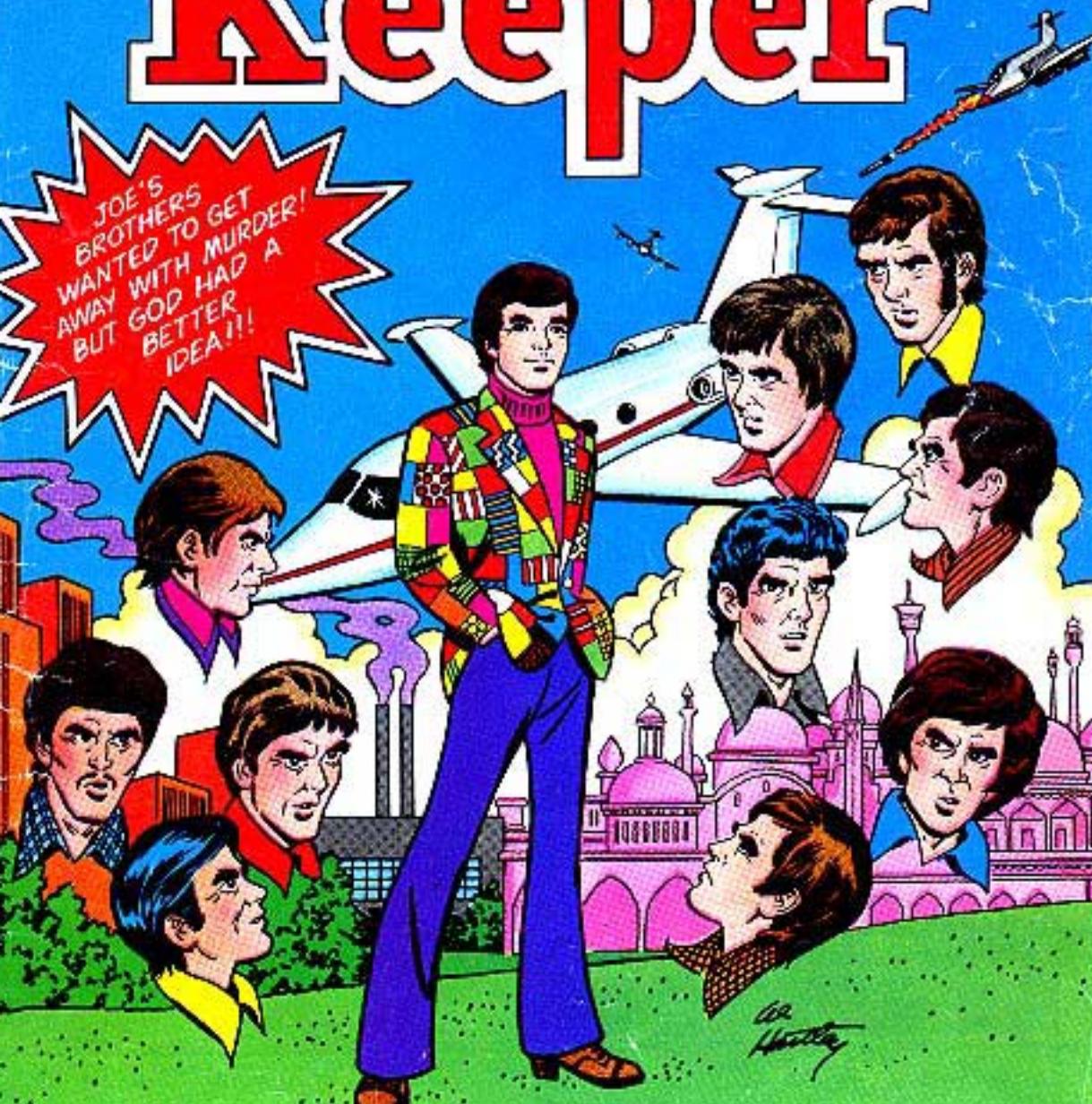


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BUT GOD HAD A
BETTER IDEA!!!



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THERE GOES JOE!
FOR ANOTHER
FATHER AND
SON CHAT !!!

HE'LL BLOW
THE WHISTLE
ON US!

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WE'VE GOT TO
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT JOE!

WELL,
HE'S AN
**EASY
TARGET--**

---STRUFTING AROUND
IN THAT WILD SPORT JACKET
THE OLD MAN GAVE HIM!

ISRAEL
AND SONS

DAD'S
PLAYING WITH
DYNAMITE--

--PUTTING OUR
LITTLE BROTHER
OVER THE REST
OF US.'

JUST
HANG IN
THERE--



THERE ARE
A **LOT** OF
US---

AND
ONLY
ONE
OF HIM!

HE CAN'T
BEAT THOSE
ODDS FOR
LONG!

TO
HEAR
JOE
TELL IT,
HE
WILL!

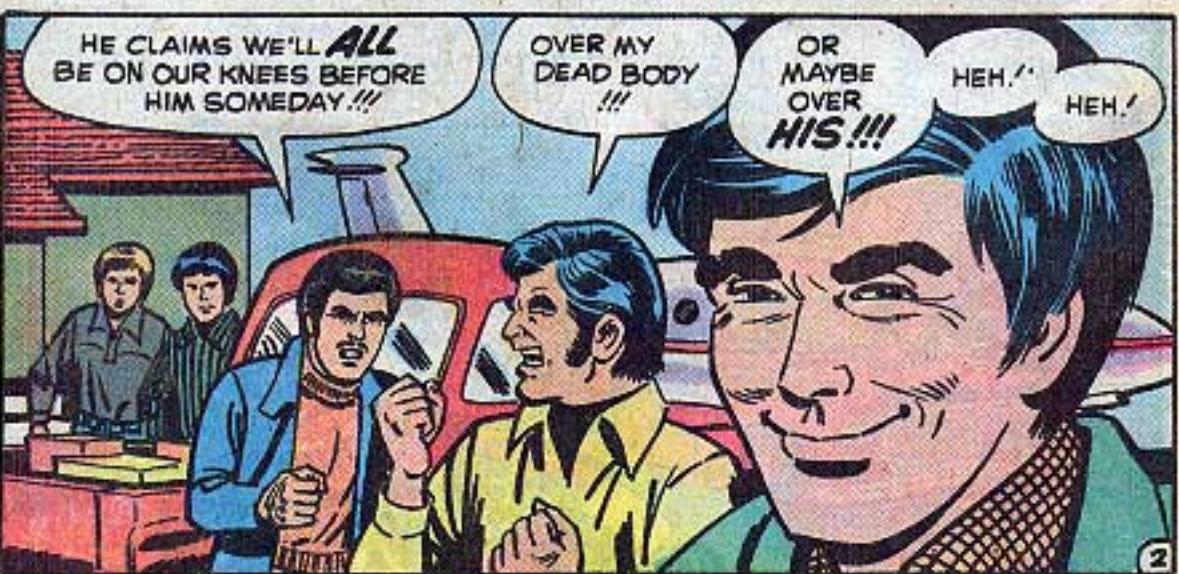
HAVE YOU
HEARD HIS
LATEST
DREAM
???

HE CLAIMS WE'LL **ALL**
BE ON OUR KNEES BEFORE
HIM SOMEDAY!!!

OVER MY
DEAD BODY
!!!

OR
MAYBE
OVER
HIS!!!

HEH.
HEH.



JOE,
MY
BOY---

IT WAS A
MISTAKE TO TELL YOUR
BROTHERS ABOUT
YOUR LAST DREAM!

YOU'VE
POURED FUEL
ON THE FIRE!

PRIVATE



UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
I HESITATE SENDING YOU TO
SHECHEM JUNCTION ---

--- BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE
I CAN TRUST, JOE!



YOU'VE
GOT TO
GO ---

AND KEEP
THE LID ON
THINGS!



LOOK!

THAT'S
JOE'S
PLANE!

CHECKING
UP ON US
AGAIN!

I'VE
HAD
ENOUGH
!!!



IT'S TIME TO DO
SOMETHING!!!

SOMETHING
FINAL!!!

IT'S TIME TO DO
SOMETHING!!!

SOMETHING
FINAL!!!

BUT JOE'S OUR
BROTHER!

WE CAN'T
KILL HIM.

IT CAN
BE DONE
DISCREETLY
!!!

WE'LL
ARRANGE
A PLANE
ACCIDENT!

NO!

WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU
SUGGEST
?

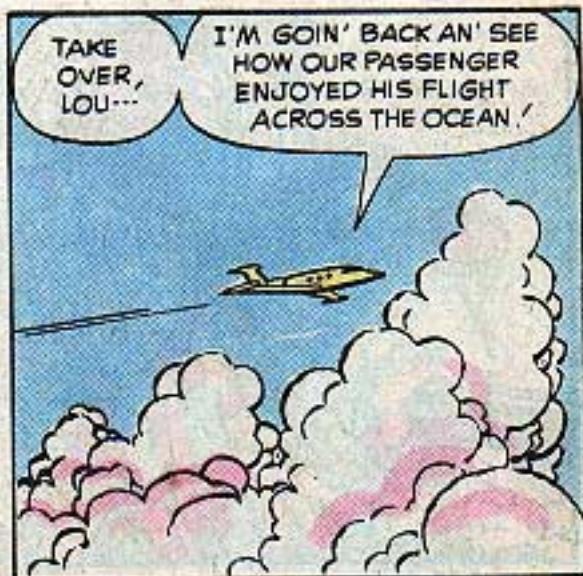
I
KNOW
TWO
PILOTS...

... IN
THE DRUG
TRAFFIC...

... THEY'LL DO
ANYTHING
FOR A
PRICE...

KEEP TALKING,
RUBE...

IT SOUNDS
INTERESTING.



YOU'RE NOT
A VERY GOOD
BABY-SITTER,
ANDY!

HUMPH! HE
JUST MADE
THINGS **EASY**
FOR US!

HE'LL NEVER
SURVIVE DOWN
THERE ---

---ON THE
DESERT!

HE MAY
DO BETTER THAN
WE'RE DOIN' UP
HERE, ANDY---

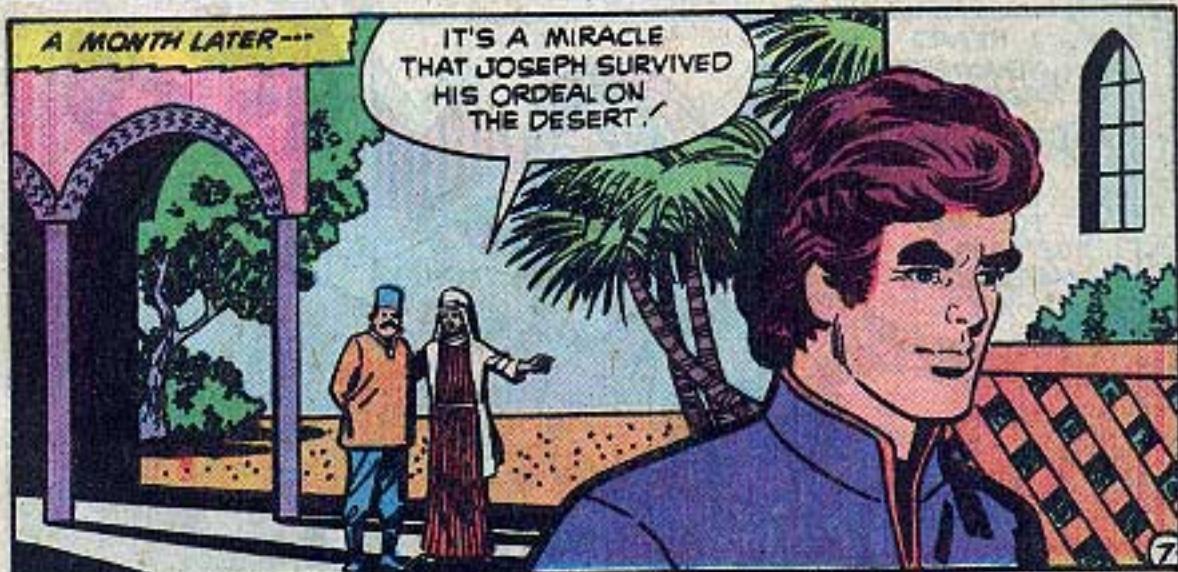
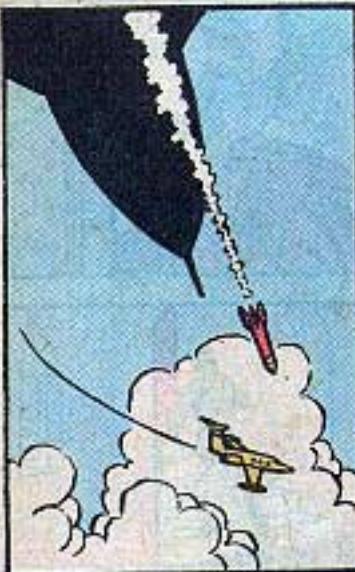
FIGHTERS
AT THREE
O'CLOCK.'

WE
PENETRATED
PROHIBITED
AIR SPACE--

THEY WANT
US TO LAND!

NOT
ON YOUR
LIFE!

YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY DO TO
**DRUG
DEALERS!!!**



HEAVEN
SMILES ON
THIS YOUNG
MAN!

I
RECOGNIZE
THAT.

THAT'S WHY I'VE
PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF
THINGS HERE!

THE LORD IS
BLESSING ME FOR
JOSEPH'S SAKE!

MAY I
COME IN
?

I HEARD
YOU WERE
TALENTED...

BUT
NO ONE
TOLD ME
YOU WERE SO
HANDSOME
!!!

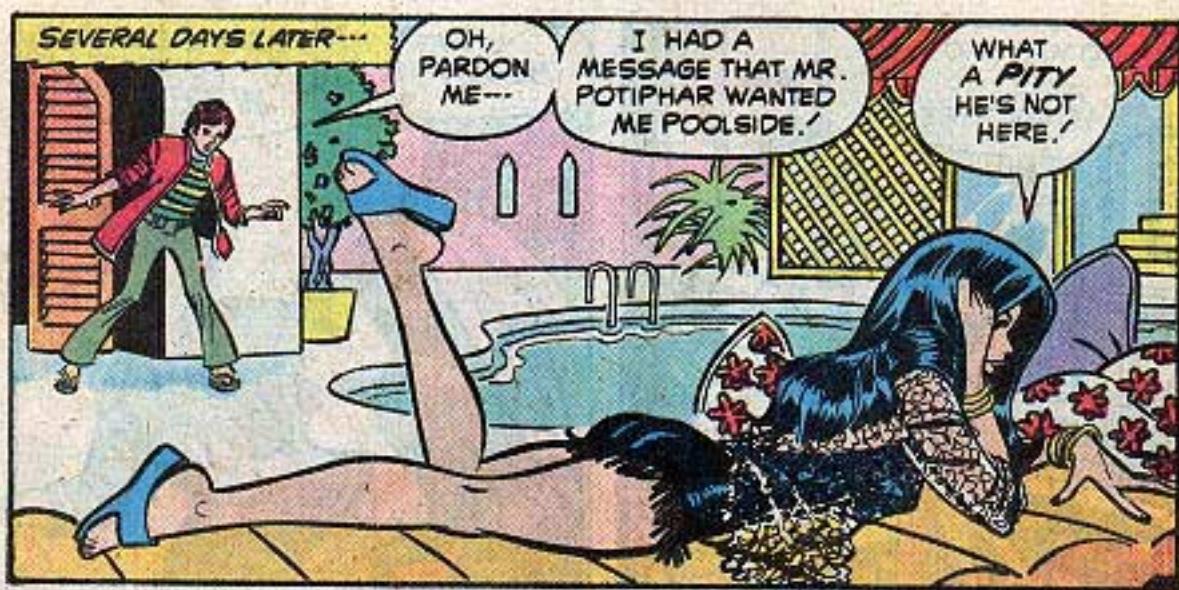


SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

OH,
PARDON
ME---

I HAD A
MESSAGE THAT MR.
POTIPHAR WANTED
ME POOLSIDE.'

WHAT
A PITY
HE'S NOT
HERE!



NO
ONE
IS HERE,
JOSEPH...

WE'RE
ALONE...
JUST THE
TWO OF US!



IT'S A
PERFECT TIME
TO BECOME
ACQUAINTED!

I'M
SORRY....
I
MUST
GO!





ARREST JOSEPH!

HIS COAT IS PROOF THAT HE WAS HERE ---

AND TRIED TO GET FRESH WITH ME!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I TRUSTED HIM COMPLETELY !!!

YOU MUST AVENGE ME, POTIPHAR, MY BELOVED!

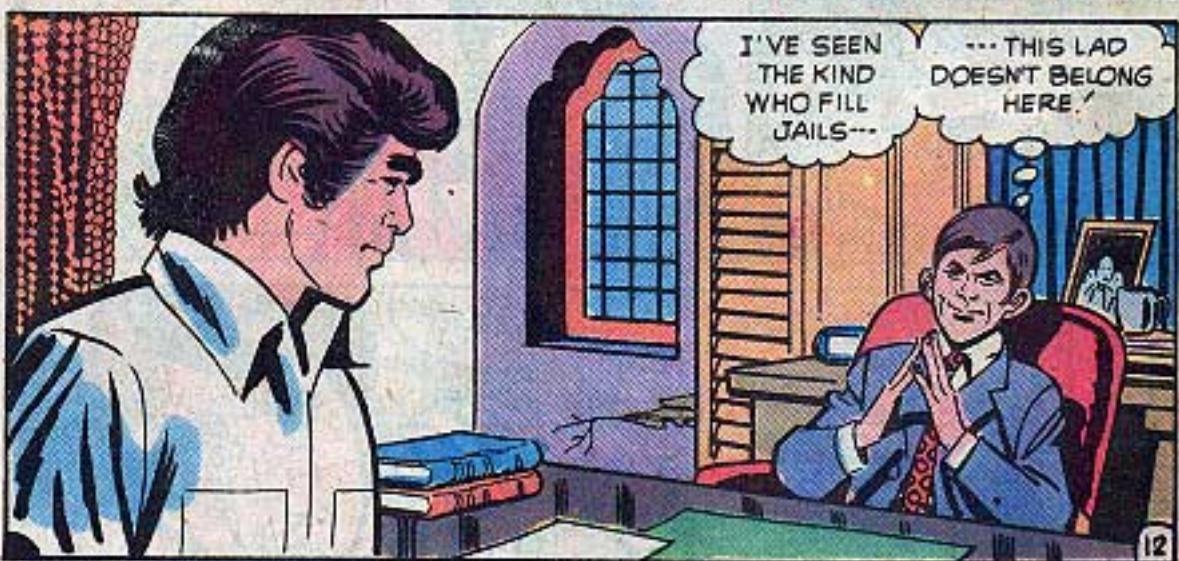
PUT HIM IN THE KING'S PRISON!

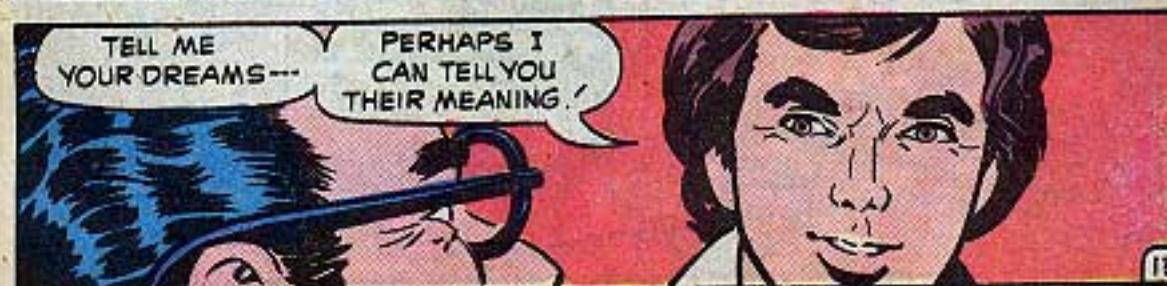
FOR LIFE !!!



I'VE SEEN THE KIND WHO FILL JAILS---

...THIS LAD DOESN'T BELONG HERE!





AFTER HEARING THE DREAMS ---

THE
MEANING
IS CLEAR---

---YOU'LL BE
RELEASED FROM PRISON
IN THREE DAYS!

AND YOU'LL
BE RESTORED TO
YOUR POSITION
ON THE KING'S
CABINET!

AND FRIEND---
WHEN YOU'RE
ON TOP
AGAIN---

PLEASE
REMEMBER
ME---

AND
GET ME
OUT OF
THIS
PLACE!

AND
WHAT
DOES
MY
DREAM
MEAN
EEE?

YOU, TOO, WILL
BE RELEASED
FROM PRISON
IN THREE
DAYS--

TO GO
TO THE
GALLOWS
!!!

THREE DAYS LATER---

INCREDIBLE,
JOSEPH!

IT HAPPENED
JUST AS YOU
SAID!!!

YOUR LIFE
PUZZLES ME ,
LAD---

YOU SEEM
SO BLESSED
BY GOD---



AND
YET---

-- WHY DOES HE
ALLOW YOU TO
STAY HERE ???



I DON'T
KNOW GOD'S
PURPOSE
IN THIS--

-- BUT I PRAY
EACH DAY FOR
THE PATIENCE TO
WAIT UPON
HIM!

I KNOW
HIS
TIMETABLE
IS BEST!

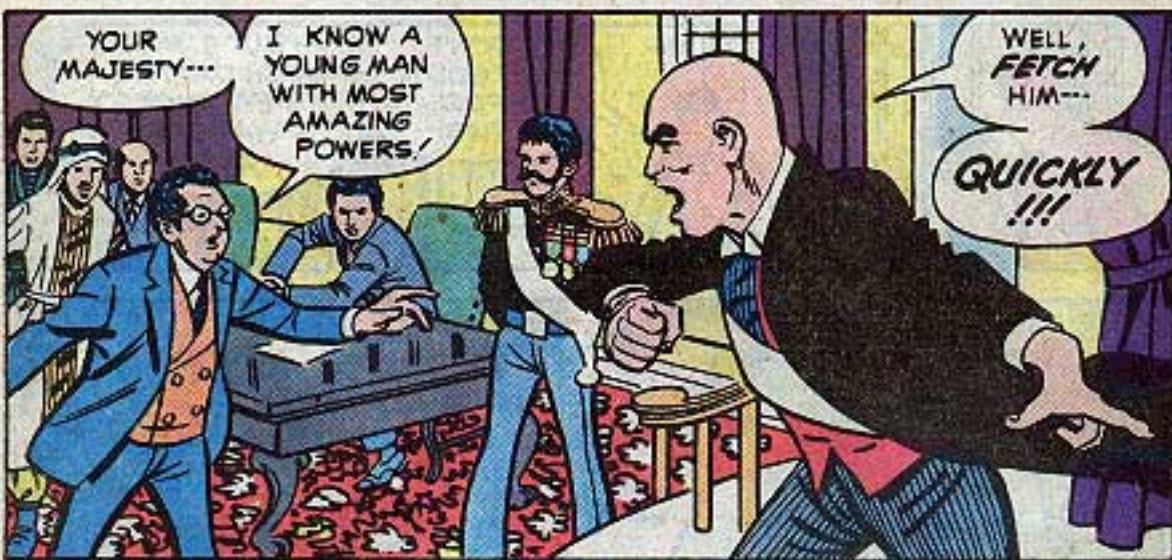


AND THEN-- TWO YEARS LATER -- GOD'S TIME ARRIVES!!!

WHAT
KIND OF
ADVISORS
ARE YOU
???

CAN NONE OF YOU
TELL ME THE MEANING
OF MY DREAMS ???





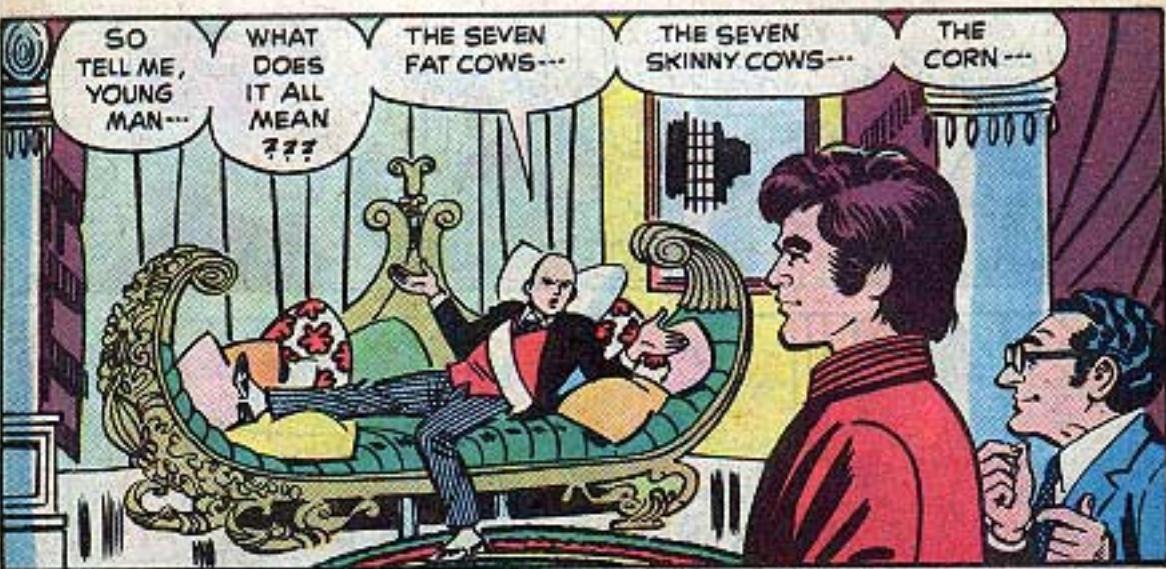
SO
TELL ME,
YOUNG
MAN...

WHAT
DOES
IT ALL
MEAN
???

THE SEVEN
FAT COWS...

THE SEVEN
SKINNY COWS...

THE
CORN...



YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE SEVEN
YEARS OF
PROSPERITY...

--- FOLLOWED
BY SEVEN
YEARS OF
SHORTAGES
!!!

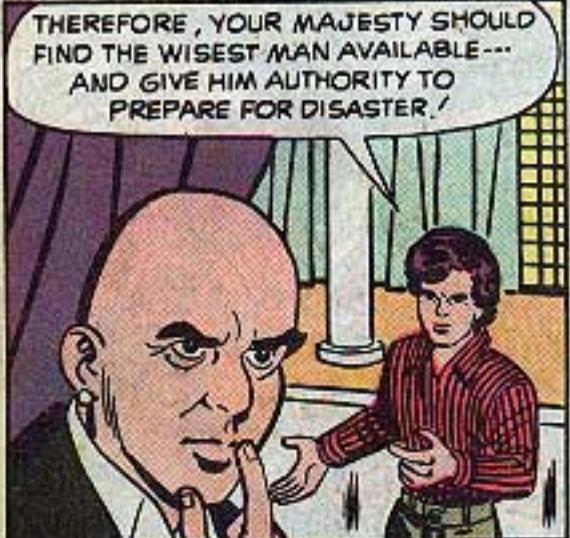


THERE WILL BE
WORLDWIDE
FAMINE...

... SO
SEVERE THAT
IT WILL
WIPE OUT THE
MEMORY OF
THE GOOD
YEARS!



THEREFORE, YOUR MAJESTY SHOULD
FIND THE WISEST MAN AVAILABLE...
AND GIVE HIM AUTHORITY TO
PREPARE FOR DISASTER!



WHO COULD
HANDLE THIS
BETTER THAN
YOU, JOSEPH?

OBVIOUSLY,
YOU ARE
ILLED WITH
THE SPIRIT OF
GOD!



I'LL GIVE
YOU COMPLETE
POWER!

YOU'LL BE
SECOND ONLY
TO ME!

AND SO, IN ONE DAY, GOD
TOOK JOSEPH FROM PRISON
TO THRONE!

YOU'LL HAVE A
HOT LINE TO
MY OFFICE!

GOD BLESSED JOSEPH'S MANAGEMENT--

THE HARVEST
IS BIG, YOUR
EXCELLENCY!

WE'LL STORE THE
EXCESS IN PREPARATION
FOR THE LEAN YEARS!

AND GOD BLESSED JOSEPH'S HOME---

WE HAVE
A SON,
JOSEPH!

WE'LL
NAME HIM
MANASSEH.*

--BECAUSE GOD HAS
ALLOWED ME TO FORGET
THE HATRED OF MY
BROTHERS!

* MEANING : MADE TO FORGET

DO YOU
EVER THINK OF
YOUR HOME,
JOSEPH?

YES--
OFTEN--

I'D LIKE
TO RETURN---

TO SEE
MY FATHER
ESPECIALLY--

BUT
GOD HAS
SOMETHING
FAR
GREATER
IN
MIND--

AND GOD'S
PLAN WILL NEVER
COME TO PASS
IF I FOLLOW
MY OWN!



HE
PUT ME
HERE...

AND I'M
TRUSTING
HIM!



EVEN THOUGH
THE SEVEN YEARS
OF PLENTY HAVE
ENDED...

I KNOW
THE **BEST**
IS YET
TO COME!

AND JOSEPH NAMED HIS SECOND SON *EPHRAIM --- FOR GOD MADE
HIM FRUITFUL IN THE LAND OF HIS
AFFLICTION!

SOON, FAMINE TOOK HOLD.



* FRUITFUL

THE
PEOPLE NEED
FOOD, YOUR
EXCELLENCY!

IT'S TIME
TO OPEN OUR
STOREHOUSES!



NOT ONLY
OUR PEOPLE
NEED FOOD---

THEY COME
FROM ALL PARTS
OF THE WORLD---

BEGGING!

WE WILL
MEET THE NEEDS
WHEREVER
THEY ARE ---

--- WE'RE
ALL
BROTHERS. !

THE
WORDS
WERE
HARDLY
OUT OF
JOSEPH'S
MOUTH ---

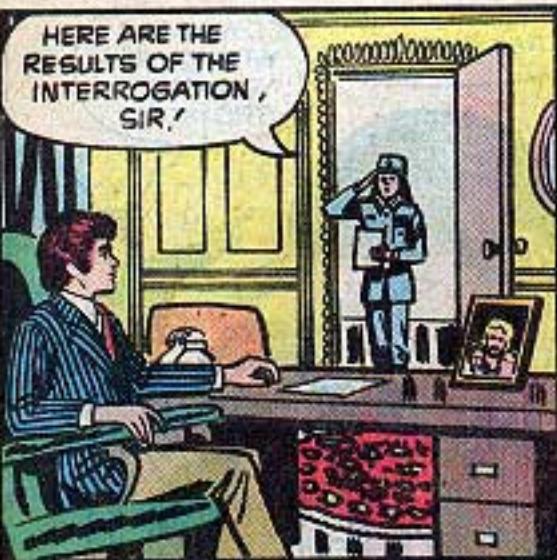
THOSE
MEN ---
THEY
ARE
MY
BROTHERS. !

MY BROTHERS
ARE **HERE!**

ALL
BUT
BEN! ooo

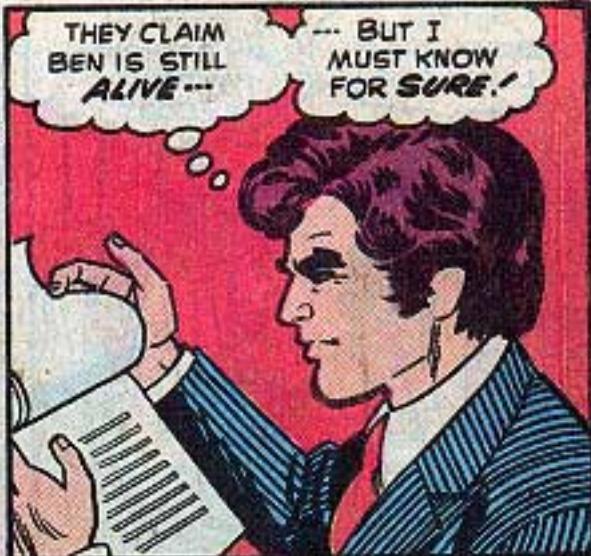


HERE ARE THE
RESULTS OF THE
INTERROGATION,
SIR!



THEY CLAIM
BEN IS STILL
ALIVE...

...BUT I
MUST KNOW
FOR SURE!



YOU
MAY
RETURN
TO YOUR
FAMILIES
WITH
FOOD...

-- BUT
BRING YOUR
YOUNGEST
BROTHER
BACK TO
ME --

-- SO
THAT I
KNOW YOU
TELL THE
TRUTH.'



AND I WILL
KEEP ONE BROTHER
HERE IN JAIL...

TO
INSURE
YOUR
RETURN!

THIS HAS
HAPPENED
BECAUSE OF
WHAT WE DID
TO JOSEPH!



BUT IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME
SINCE WE SOLD
JOE OUT!

WELL, NO
AMOUNT OF TIME
WILL WASH AWAY
OUR GUILT.





WHAT KIND
OF DIRTY TRICK
IS THIS MAN
UP TO?

WHO
KNOWS
???

BUT
WE'RE
AT HIS
MERCY!

WITHOUT
MORE FOOD
WE DIE!

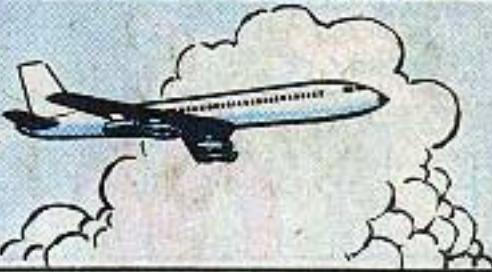


WE HAVE
NO CHOICE...

TAKE BEN
WITH YOU AS
HE DEMANDS!



OUR CHICKENS
ARE COMING HOME
TO ROOST!



THE PRIME MINISTER
IS AWARE OF YOUR
ARRIVAL...

HE'S PREPARED
A RECEPTION
FOR YOU!

IT'S A
TRICK!









**J-JOE
???**

WE SOLD
HIM OUT SO
LONG AGO
!!!

HE'S
HAUNTED
US ALL
THESE
YEARS!

AND NOW
HE'LL LOWER
THE BOOM ON
US!



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO FEAR
ME ...

OR MY
POWER---

GOD
IS FAR
MORE
POWERFUL!



... AND HE
KNEW WHAT WAS
COMING IN THE
WORLD ...

HE PUT ME
HERE -- TO SAVE
YOU --- AND OUR
ENTIRE FAMILY!



NOW
GO ...

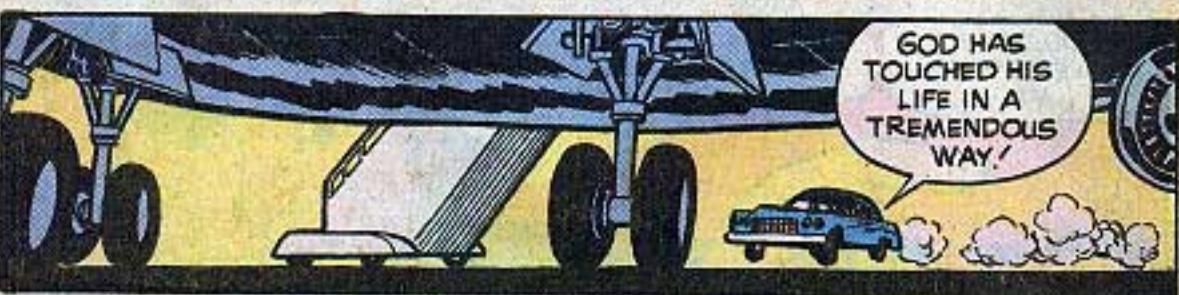
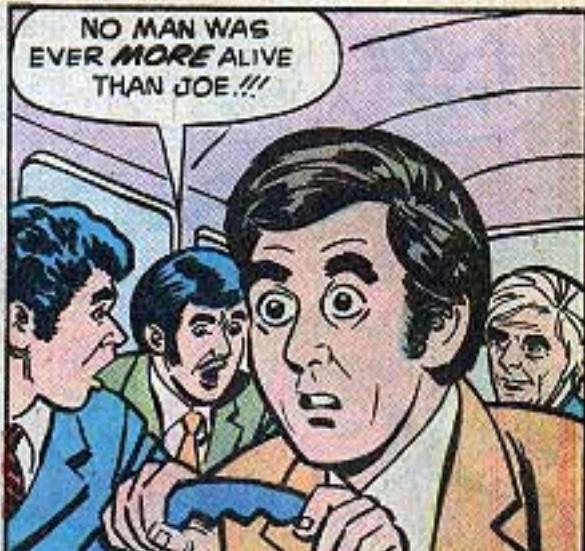
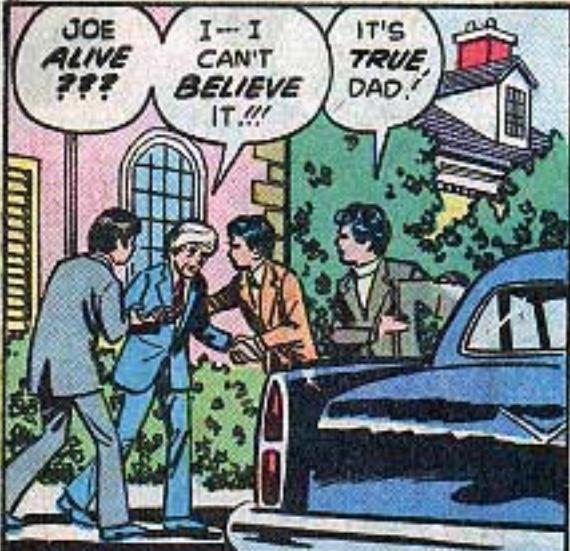
TAKE
MY
PRIVATE
JET ...

TELL OUR
FATHER I
AM ALIVE!

AND BRING
HIM HERE
QUICKLY!

I WILL PROVIDE
FOR YOU ALL IN THIS
PLACE WHERE GOD
HAS PUT ME!





FATHER!

MY SON!

MY SON!



OH, THE YEARS
OF PAIN AND
SUFFERING WE
CAUSED!

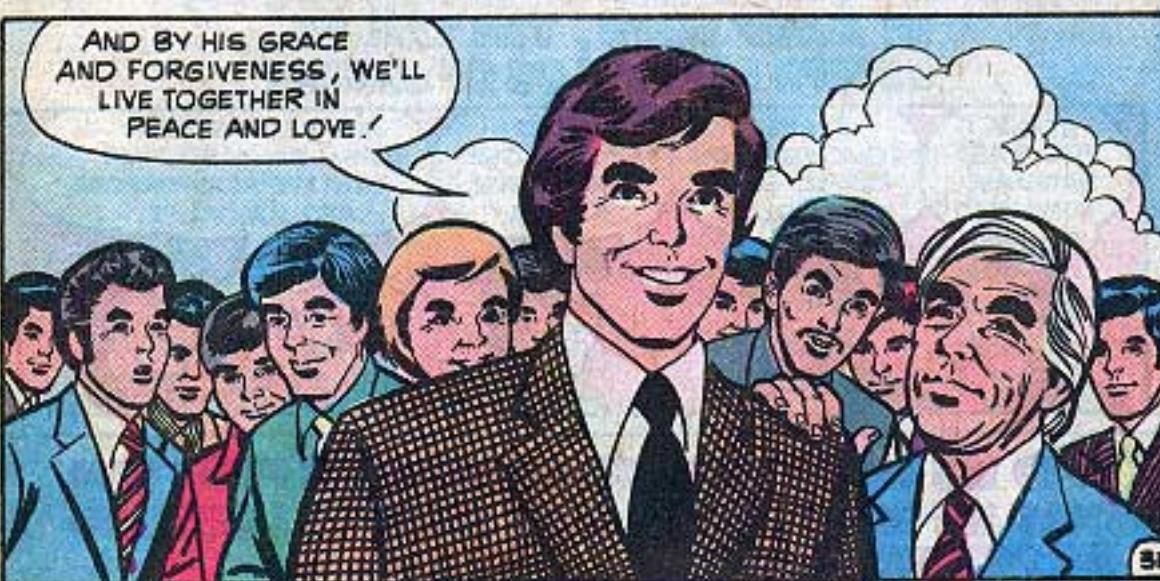
HOW CAN
GOD FORGIVE
US?

WHAT YOU
DID WAS DEAD
WRONG...

BUT GOD
TURNED IT INTO
GOOD!



AND BY HIS GRACE
AND FORGIVENESS, WE'LL
LIVE TOGETHER IN
PEACE AND LOVE!



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JEALOUSY HATRED TEMPTATION FEAR GUILT CONFUSION



AND GOD STILL PROVIDES THE ANSWERS

FAITH PATIENCE LOVE WISDOM FORGIVENESS DIRECTION



**IN MANY WAYS, THE LIFE OF
JOSEPH REMINDS US OF JESUS !**

JESUS
TOO, WAS
HATED AND
HUMILIATED.

BUT HE
FOLLOWED GOD'S
PERFECT PLAN
FOR HIS LIFE !

HE ROSE
ABOVE THOSE
WHO WOULD
KILL HIM !

AND HE LIVES TODAY
TO FILL EVERY BELIEVER
WITH THE REAL PURPOSE
AND JOY OF LIFE !



**"AND WE HAVE THIS COMMANDMENT FROM HIM
THAT HE WHO LOVES GOD SHOULD LOVE HIS
BROTHER ALSO"**

I JOHN 4:21

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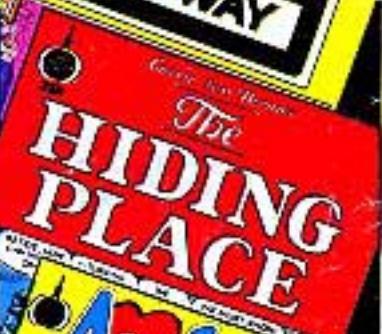
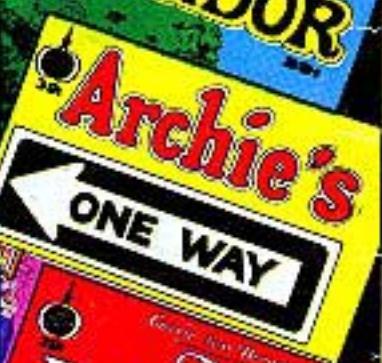
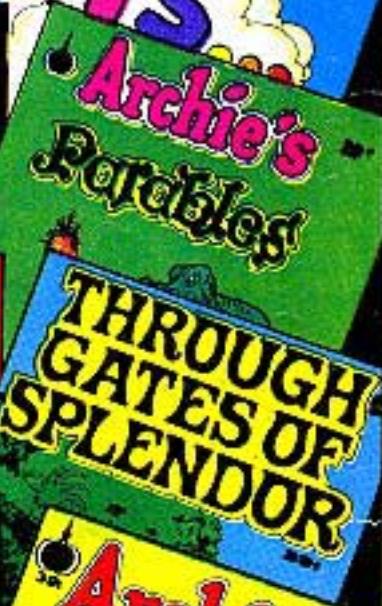
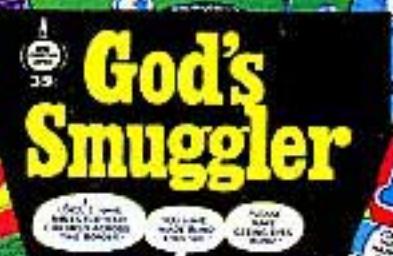
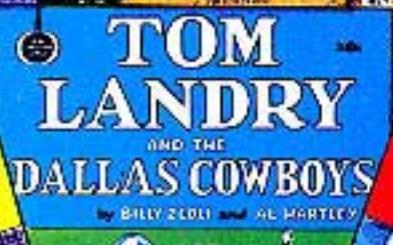
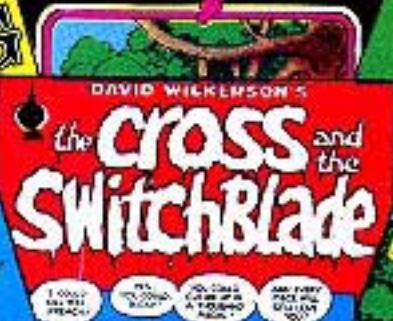
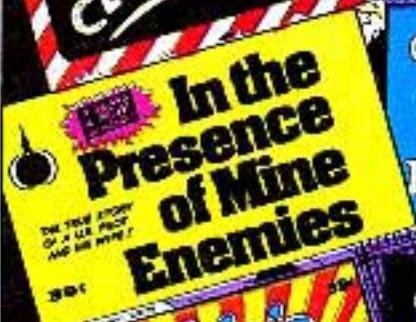
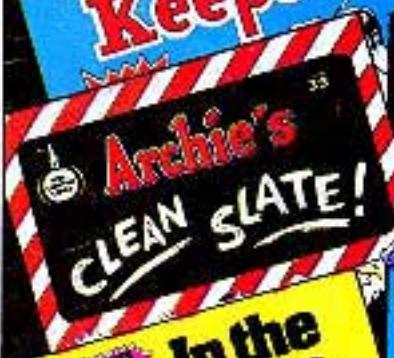
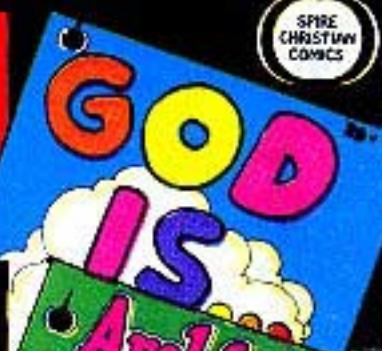
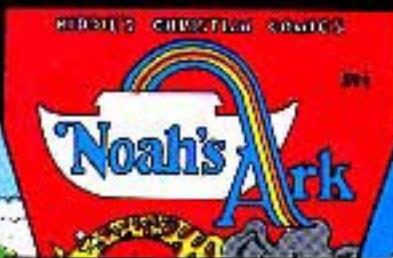
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